

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ROBERT D. CUNNINGHAM,
Plaintiff,
v.
CONDON, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:23-cv-00270-EFB (PC)

ORDER

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this action seeking relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

On May 7, 2025, the court ordered the United States Marshal to serve process upon the defendant in this case. The Marshal was directed to attempt to secure a waiver of service before attempting personal service on defendant. If a waiver of service was not returned within sixty days, the Marshal was directed to effect personal service on the defendant in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. § 566(c), without prepayment of costs, and to file the return of service with evidence of any attempt to secure a waiver of service and with evidence of all costs subsequently incurred in effecting personal service.

On July 30, 2025, the United States Marshal filed a return of service with a USM-285 form showing total charges of \$82.50 for effecting personal service on defendant Condon. The

1 form shows that a waiver of service form was mailed to the defendant on May 23, 2025, and that
2 no response was received.

3 Rule 4(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

4 An individual, corporation, or association that is subject to service
5 under Rule 4(e), (f), or (h) has a duty to avoid unnecessary expenses
of serving the summons. . . .

6 If a defendant located within the United States fails, without good
7 cause, to sign and return a waiver requested by a plaintiff located
within the United States, the court must impose on the defendant:

8 (A) the expenses later incurred in making service; and

9 (B) the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees, of any
10 motion required to collect those service expenses.

11 Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(d)(1), (2)(A), (B).

12 The court finds that defendant Condon was given the opportunity required by Rule 4(d) to
13 waive service and has failed to comply with the request.

14 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

15 1. Within fourteen days from the date of this order defendant Condon shall pay to the
16 United States Marshal the sum of \$82.50, unless within that time defendant files a written
17 statement showing good cause for his failure to waive service. The court does not intend to
18 extend this fourteen day period.

19 2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the U.S. Marshal and
20 Sacramento Sheriff's Department, Attn: Deputy Sheriff #1279 Condon, 4510 Orange Grove Ave,
21 Sacramento, California 95841.

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23 Dated: September 16, 2025


EDMUND F. BRENNAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE